

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title on page 1 with the following new title.

-- POSITIVE GRIDS AND LEAD-ACID CELLS AND BATTERIES USING SUCH GRIDS --

Please replace paragraph 4 on page 12 with the following amended paragraph.

Thus, what should be avoided in any event is sufficient precipitate formation that affects either the desired mechanical properties or the corrosion resistance. On the other hand, the rolling temperature used should not be so high as to cause undesired levels of ~~elastic~~ elastic liquid phase present along the grain boundaries. Thus, if the rolling temperature is too close to the peritectic transformation temperature (i.e., about 320°C), then it is possible to create a small quantity of a liquid phase. This liquid phase will lead to liquid phase embrittlement, and the cast billet can crack and fracture during rolling, and thus fail.